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October 15, 2012

Michael Machado, Executive Director
Delta Protection Commission
2101 Stone Blvd., #210
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Dear Mr. Machado:

Thank you for your application for continuing assistance from the National Park Service, (NPS), Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program. We are pleased to inform you that we have selected Great California Delta Trail as one of over 40 projects that will receive community assistance in FY 2013. We are excited to be able to collaborate with you in support of this community-based initiative.

Assistance from the NPS, RTCA program will be provided during the 2013 federal fiscal year, which ends September 30, 2013. We encourage you and your partners to use the value of our technical assistance to leverage additional project resources and as a match for non-federal grants.

Award Requirements

As an important component of our ongoing working relationship, we continue to ask the following of you and your project partners during our work together:

- Commit significant time and resources (financial, in-kind, overhead, etc.), along with other project partners, to match our assistance;
- Acknowledge and credit NPS assistance in press releases, promotional materials, maps, and publications such as newsletters, surveys, brochures, and final concept plans;
- Provide copies of print and digital products and media news to RTCA staff, including any final concept plan or other project products;
- Complete a Project Close-Out Report at the end of NPS assistance (enclosed).

Measuring Success

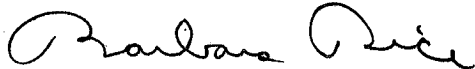
Each year, on average, our partners across the country create over 1700 miles of trails, conserve more than 60,000 acres of open space, and protect more than 1000 miles of rivers. Congress measures our program's success by looking at the tangible, on-the-ground results (miles and acres) our partners have achieved 5 years after we complete

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our community assistance. Keeping an on-going record of your project successes will help all of us report good results, especially as there are often changes in staff over time.

We look forward to another successful year of collaboration with you and your project partners. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 415-623-2320 to discuss any issues or concerns you might have regarding NPS assistance. Thank you for your interest in the National Park Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara Rice".

Barbara Rice
Program Manager, RTCA, PWR

cc:
Suzanne Brinkley, RTCA Program

Enclosure: Project Close-Out Report



FY2013 RTCA Project Close-Out Report

Please respond briefly to the questions below.

GENERAL INFO.....

Date:

Project Name:

Primary Project Partner:

Estimated Project Area

- ☐ Trail Miles
- ☐ River Miles
- ☐ Park, Habitat & Open Space Acres

Recommended follow-up roles or tasks for project partners:

Total dollars leveraged to date and sources of funds:

COMMUNITY IMPACTS.....

Economic Impacts

- Was a new business created in/or re-located to your project area?
- Was an existing business enhanced?
- Was tourism increased?
- Was there a reduction in public costs (i.e.: flood damage reduction, health care, etc.)?
- Was there a change in property values?
- Other or optional explanation of above

Quality of Life Changes

- Was there increased community interaction, socialization, pride?
- Was health and wellness improved?
- Other or optional explanation of above

Public Use, Enjoyment and Safety

- Has outdoor recreation use increased?
- Was the safety of users enhanced?
- Was the safety of community/neighborhoods enhanced?
- Other or optional explanation of above
- ☐ Total number of users (annual estimate)

Other Resource Enhancements/Benefits

- Were cultural features (i.e.: historic structures/places) preserved or connected?
- Were environmental conditions (i.e.: habitat, air or water quality) improved?
- Other or optional explanation of above

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY.....

Which of the following attributes apply to your organization:

- Clear purpose
- Effective leadership and structure
- Strategic planning
- Effective public participation
- Fundraising planning
- Demonstrated success(es)
- Do you think you have a sustainable organization? Please explain how/ why.
- Network of tangible conservation/recreation resources and partners clearly
- Vision and goals of project have wide public acceptance
- Key local individuals are actively pursuing project goals and actions
- Partnerships are in place to achieve project success
- Community leaders and agencies support project implementation
- Political support is favorable for implementation and success
- New organizations have been formed to implement project plans
- Resources, financial and other, are being allocated toward implementation
- Reasonable timeframes have been set for implementation

TAKE-AWAYS.....

Issues

Please identify any issues of concern regarding the future achievement of anticipated outcomes of the project.

Key Lessons

Please identify any key lessons learned that will help influence future projects in your organization.

SUCSESSES: ON-THE-GROUND RESULTS.....

We will check back with you in five years to record successful trail and conservation statistics in a Report to Congress. If you have early successes to report from the past two years, please enter your numbers below.

Actual miles and acres conserved should be reported on the first line. The subcategories below the first line help define the total miles and acres; there may be some duplication of numbers in these subcategories.

___ TOTAL RIVER MILES	___ TOTAL TRAIL MILES	___ TOTAL PARK ACRES
___ Instream Improvements (miles)	___ Trail Built (miles)	___ Park land Improved (acres)
___ Nearstream Improvements (miles)	___ Trail Corridor Acquired (acres)	___ Accessibility Enhanced (acres)
___ Recreation Improvements (miles or acres)	___ Trail Corridor Improved	___ Park land Conserved
___ Corridor Conserved (acres)	___ Trail Corridor Enhanced	___ Other
	___ Trail Corridor Designated	